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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A blanket support assembly comprising:

an elongated bar including a central portion extending across a width of a bed mattress and for supporting a bed accessory thereon and above a top surface of a bed mattress, said elongated bar further including oppositely spaced end portions integral with said central portion and extending downwardly at a substantially orthogonal angle therefrom, said opposed end portions defining a plurality of female portions, said elongated bar further including a plurality of male members telescopically slidable within said plurality of female portions and for adjusting a height of said elongated bar; and means for selectively pivoting including a plurality of brackets and a plurality of first fastening members for selectively securing same to a bed rail, said pivoting means for allowing an operator to pivot said bar along an arcuate path extending parallel to a longitudinal axis of said bed mattress(.);

wherein said pivoting means further comprises a plurality of second fastening members for selectively passing through said plurality of male members and for securing same to said plurality of brackets respectively.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of brackets include a plurality of hook-shaped portions positionable over a bed rail.

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5. (Original)The assembly of claim 1, wherein said pivoting means further comprises:

a plurality of pedestals having top end portions attached to said plurality of brackets and extending downwardly therefrom respectively, said plurality of pedestals further having bottom end portions integral with said top end portions and being positionable on a floor for providing support to said system.

6. (Original)The assembly of claim 5, further comprising a plurality of stop members removably attachable to said bottom end portions of said plurality of pedestals and for assisting to maintain same at stable positions during operating conditions.

7. (Original)A blanket support assembly comprising:

an elongated bar including a central portion extending across a width of a bed mattress and for supporting a bed accessory thereon and above a top surface of a bed mattress, said elongated bar further including oppositely spaced end portions integral with said central portion and extending downwardly at a substantially orthogonal angle therefrom, said opposed end portions defining a plurality of female portions, said elongated bar further including a plurality of male members telescopically slidable within said plurality of female portions and for adjusting a height of said elongated bar; and

means for selectively pivoting including a plurality of brackets and a plurality of first fastening members for selectively securing same to a bed rail, said pivoting means for allowing an operator to pivot said bar along an arcuate path extending parallel to a longitudinal axis of said bed mattress, said pivoting means further including a plurality of second fastening members for selectively passing through said plurality of male members and for securing same to said plurality of brackets respectively.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Original)The assembly of claim 7, wherein said plurality of brackets include a plurality of hook-shaped portions positionable over a bed rail.

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10. (Original)The assembly of claim 7, wherein said pivoting means further comprises:

a plurality of pedestals having top end portions attached to said plurality of brackets and extending downwardly therefrom respectively, said plurality of pedestals further having bottom end portions integral with said top end portions and being positionable on a floor for providing support to said system.

11. (Original)The assembly of claim 10, further comprising a plurality of stop members removably attachable to said bottom end portions of said plurality of pedestals and for assisting to maintain same at stable positions during operating conditions.

12. (Original)A blanket support assembly comprising:

an elongated bar including a central portion extending across a width of a bed mattress and for supporting a bed accessory thereon and above a top surface of a bed mattress, said elongated bar further including oppositely spaced end portions integral with said central portion and extending downwardly at a substantially orthogonal angle therefrom, said opposed end portions defining a plurality of female portions, said elongated bar further including a plurality of male members telescopically slidable within said plurality of female portions and for adjusting a height of said elongated bar; and

means for selectively pivoting including a plurality of brackets and a plurality of first fastening members for selectively securing same to a bed rail, said pivoting means for allowing an operator to pivot said bar along an arcuate path extending parallel to a longitudinal axis of said bed mattress, said pivoting means further including a plurality of second fastening members for selectively passing through said plurality of male members and for securing same to said plurality of brackets respectively, said plurality of brackets including a plurality of hook-shaped portions positionable over a bed rail.

13. (Canceled).

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14. (Original) The assembly of claim 12, wherein said pivoting means further comprises:

a plurality of pedestals having top end portions attached to said plurality of brackets and extending downwardly therefrom respectively, said plurality of pedestals further having bottom end portions integral with said top end portions and being positionable on a floor for providing support to said system.

15. (Original) The assembly of claim 14, further comprising a plurality of stop members removably attachable to said bottom end portions of said plurality of pedestals and for assisting to maintain same at stable positions during operating conditions.